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For: DRILLING CONTROL	)	
ARRANGEMENT	)	

Commissioner for Patents  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
**Customer Window, Mail Stop RCE**  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FILED WITH RCE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

Applicants are filing concurrently herewith a Request for Continued Examination. Prior to continued examination, and after entry of the Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 filed on September 30, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows. This filing is in response to the Final Office Action dated June 7, 2005, the period for response which extends through December 7, 2005 by a three-month extension of time petitioned for herein, and the corresponding fee payment for the second and third month extension (the payment for the first month extension having been previously paid).